



CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE MEETING 8 SUMMARY

June 11, 2020, 6-8pm

Attendees:

IBE Facilitators: Josie Plaut, Hellen Castro

City of Longmont Staff: Lisa Knoblauch, Phil Greenwald, Francie Jaffe

City Council: Marcia Martin

City of Longmont Residents: Peter Wood, Lynette McClain, Karen Dike, Michelle Mendieta, Alessandro Franchin

Community Partners: Joni Lynch, Jess Pearson

Technical Advisors:

I. Welcome & Agenda

Josie Plaut welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda.

II. Public Comment Period

No public comment.

III. Final Approval of Round 2 Recommendations

Francie Jaffe reviewed key changes of the revised water conservation recommendation:

- The focus has now shifted to citywide water consumption instead of only City parks, open space, and golf courses.
- The new goal is 35-40% reduction in overall water consumption below a 2019 baseline by 2025.
- This recommendation is relevant to climate change because climate change will likely to impact, Longmont access to reliable water supplies.

Question:

Council Member Martin asked if there are data or reports to show the need for the reduction goal?

Answer:

- Karen Dike (who helped draft the recommendation), stated that we do know that there are going to be negative impacts because of climate change and we need to focus on using less water and start planning for that eventuality.
- Josie Plaut offered to the group that Denver Water did a statewide water analysis and highlighted the number of households that would be short on water (Clarification: Francie Jaffe searched for this report after the meeting, the report Josie Plaut was referencing was most likely a technical update to the Colorado Water Plan. [Here is an article referencing the report](#) that was shared to the CATF over e-mail after the meeting.)

Final Vote:

There was unanimous approval by the attendees to approve this revised recommendation. Because there was not a quorum present at the meeting, the voting will be finalized over email.

Phil Greenwald did not arrive until 6:30 pm and missed this voting, he voted to approve this recommendation after the meeting.

Final approval of all recommendations:

Josie Plaut asked if there were any objections to moving forward with the proposed full set of recommendations to Council as they stand they stand in the draft report sent to the CATF for review.

Comment:

Peter Wood made an observation about the numbering system for the recommendations in the report being confusing. He suggested that they be numbered 1-28 or a1, b1, etc.

Reply:

Francie Jaffe acknowledged that staff had seen the suggestion to change the numbering system for the recommendations and plans to do the following: “AR.1” for Adaptation and Resilience recommendation one or “EO.1” for Education and Outreach recommendation one, etc.

Final Vote:

All attendees were in favor of approving the final report.

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IV. Governance Update

Lisa Knoblauch explained that an ad-hoc group met to discuss governance after the last meeting and developed the following recommendations to propose to the full group:

- Integrate oversight and reporting into the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB); appoint volunteer “champions” to follow and report on progress of specific priority recommendations
 - o Members of CATF are encouraged to attend SAB meetings to follow climate action progress
- Form ad-hoc technical committees as needed; acknowledgement that a lot can be augmented by volunteers into planning stages, etc.
- Incorporate recommendations into existing plans like the Council Work Plan

There were no clarifying questions from the group.

All attendees were in favor of approving the governance recommendations. The recommendations will be included in the Governance Section of the final report.

V. Review Final Report

Josie Plaut stated that the next step was to review the final report, including Peter Wood suggestion to include an inspiring letter into the beginning of the report.

Revisions and approval

Minor changes will be incorporated per written feedback and are due today.

Josie Plaut took some time to provide clarification about the “unresolved comments” document that was shared with the CATF along with the final report. The intention of the “unresolved comments” was to note that a comment was made during the development of the recommendation but had not yet been incorporated into the feedback. This document was a guiding document for final review and it is still the decision of the CATF members on whether to address the comment or not. This document will not be included in the final Climate Action Recommendations Report.

Lastly, Josie Plaut explained that during Amy Schmidt’s editing process sentences and content that were hoped to improve readability and clarity resulted in some instances

where CATF members felt that important content had been removed. Staff reviewed the edits and restored any substantive changes back to the original content. Josie recommended that CATF members review their recommendations to make sure that all content is fully intact to ensure that all CATF members feel confident in the final versions of the recommendations. The final version will be circulated after all revisions and approvals have been incorporated.

Incorporation of the Just Transition Plan Committee Work

Josie Plaut stated she wanted to update the CATF on the decisions made at the last JTP Committee and decide how to best move forward.

Lisa Knoblauch provided some historical context and stated that at the first meeting, the CATF had decided to integrate equity throughout the Climate Action Recommendations Report and that the Climate Emergency Resolution states the importance of frontline communities participating in climate action planning. A section on equity has been included in the final report.

At the last meeting, staff asked for feedback on whether or not the JTP Committee report should be presented along with the CATF. There was not a decision made, so staff followed up via email to note that in the interest of advancing equity in climate action work, the JTP Committee should decide how to report and present their recommendations. The JTP Committee confirmed that they would like the outcomes of their work to be included in the Climate Action Report, and to present along with the CATF on July 7.

The proposed structure:

- Include JTP Committee “Equity Recommendations” after CATF “Recommendations by Topic Area” (SMART Goal Summaries)
- Full outcomes of the JTP Committee work in the Appendix

Francie Jaffe during the CATF discussion shared the JTP Committee recommendations with the entire group.

After an extensive discussion, all CATF members present at the meeting voted to include the JTP Committee report in the final Climate Action Recommendations Report as proposed by Josie Plaut and staff.

VI. Presentation to Council

CATF Presentation Format

- Round 1 recommendations will be presented to City Council on June 30th and Round 2 recommendations will be presented on July 7th.
 - The June 30th presentation will be virtual. It has not yet been determined if the July 7th Council meeting will be virtual or in-person.
 - There are concerns by sensitive groups about the COVID exposure risk for in-person meetings. Staff will follow up with leadership on that issue.
- The CATF decided that given the technical limitations of virtual meetings, Sustainability Program Manager, Lisa Knoblauch will present the recommendations, along with overviews of the other key sections of the report.
- The JTP Committee will present their work at the second session (July 7th) after the CATF presentation.

VII. Wrap Up and Next Steps

Final Revisions

- Any final revisions are due to staff by the end of the day 6/14/20.
- Peter Wood offered to draft letter to open the Climate Action Recommendations Report. Due to the fast timeline, City staff asked if CATF members were comfortable with approving Peter's statement without a vote. The attendees expressed feeling comfortable with Peter drafting the statement for the final Recommendations Report and will review it if they have time. The draft letter will be finalized and shared with the CATF on Friday, 6/12.

Upcoming Deadlines

- 6/14: CAFT send final revisions to staff
- 6/18: Staff submits the final report to City Council
- 6/30: First presentation to City Council 7/7: Second presentation to City Council